ID CARD LIVES

> ## While NEXUS cannot verify all of this report, independent sources corroborate many of the following claims - but it's a can of worms whichever way you look at it! Be warned.

At the moment we're allowed to protest, debate and demonstrate under democratic rights we take for granted. But according to former Department of Social Security investigator Peter Sawyer, there are people who want to take these freedoms away from us who have almost achieved their aim - a total ID surveillance system with a dossier on every Australian.

Author of the highly controversial book *Dolebludging: a Taxpayer's Guide*, he is no stranger to controversy. He and his wife registered for Unemployment Benefits in six States, defrauding Social Security - and then appeared on national TV to describe how easy it was. Prosecuted by the Federal Government, he has gone on to produce *Inside News*, a monthly newsletter detailing what he describes as a surreptitious National ID computer system already operating in Australia.

Sawyer has been addressing gatherings around Australia over the past few months. In the course of following up what appeared to be "massive bungling and incompetence and waste and inefficiency and decisions made for political expediency", what Sawyer believes he discovered was not bungling and incompetence, "but a ruthlessly efficient plan to turn this country into a totalitarian state."

Sawyer's allegations may sound alarmist and far-fetched. However, his information comes from over 300 public servants and the entire system is laid out in a book called *Towards a Cashless Society*, a report to the Prime Minister prepared by the Australian Science and Technology Council.

The report looks at the implications of the growing use of electronic funds transfer and cites a 1971 study by the US Centre for Strategic and International Studies in which a group of information specialists was assigned the task of developing a system of daily surveillance of all citizens that was neither obvious nor obtrusive. The group's recommendation was a national system of electronic funds transfer at the point of sale (EFT-POS).

According to Sawyer, most transactions (mainly bank & financial institution transactions) are now by EFT.

"Once it's fully operational early this year, you won't be able to go anywhere or do anything without them knowing where you are, what you're doing and who you're doing it with," Sawyer told an alternative gathering at Mount Oak in January.

He has identified over 30 parliamentarians across traditional political boundaries who are cooperating in this scheme, but says that these people are controlled from a higher level comprised of Australia's top businessmen and bankers. In all there are about 500 conspirators, he says.

National Computer Centre

"Everything you were told would never happen under the ID card system they have already set up in Canberra, among other places, at a place known as the Deakin Centre," Sawyer says. **Under pressure from Sawyer, the Minister for Social Security, Brian Howe, admitted in November that the Deakin Centre is not merely a Telecom exchange as it is officially listed, but is really The National Computer Centre.**

The Centre, in Kent street, Deakin (a Canberra suburb), has two to four feet thick concrete walls guarding the central computer and houses some **$1.46 billion worth of computer hardware**, making the centre the most expensive undertaking in Australia.

The October 1987 issue of *Pacific Defence Observer* says that the Deakin Centre, with five antennae, is the main communications switching station between the Tidbinbilla space tracking facility and the microwave tracking facilities in the Black Mountain communication tower complex in Canberra. The Deakin Centre is also the Pacific Regional Headquarters for the NASA satellite network.

A group of politicians (including Barry Jones and Wilson Tuckey) were conducted on a limited tour of the Centre at the end of last year, and were told that the massive database contains dossiers on every Australian and that each government Department has access to them.

In the National Computer Centre - sharing the same database for at least the last two years - is the Taxation Department, the Departments of Social Security, Aviation and Transport, Communications, Defence (bringing the data base under the cloak of "national security"), the Health Insurance Commission including Medicare, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, several smaller government departments and a new department called State Computing Services - the facility which will soon computerise the State Governments' Births, Deaths and Marriage records, motor vehicle registrations, drivers' licences, gun licences and land titles information.

Carefully preserved Family Allowance records have established names, dates of birth and parents for everyone
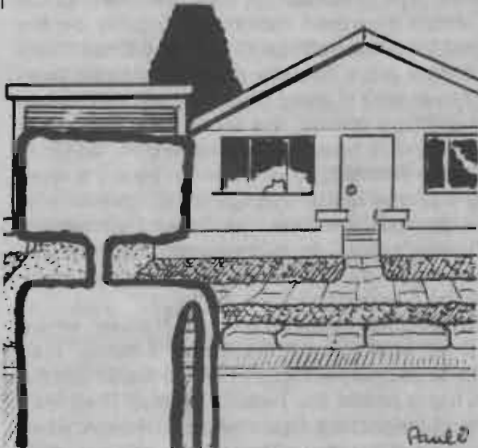
under 40. **All the information supplied on the supposedly confidential 1986 Census forms have been added,** according to Sawyer.

The NSW Department of Motor Transport has already made arrangements with a bank to use new NSW driver's licences, which will carry photographs, as credit cards.

The banks have been networking among themselves, so we can now go to almost any bank and withdraw money from other banking institutions. The banking network's HQ is the Canberra National Computer Centre. Taxation Dept officers can gain a complete printout of an individual's tax file in a few seconds using a Medicare or bank card!

ID Cards and Videoscan

12 million application forms for the ID Card have been printed at the Moore Paragon High Security Complex in Wodonga in Victoria.
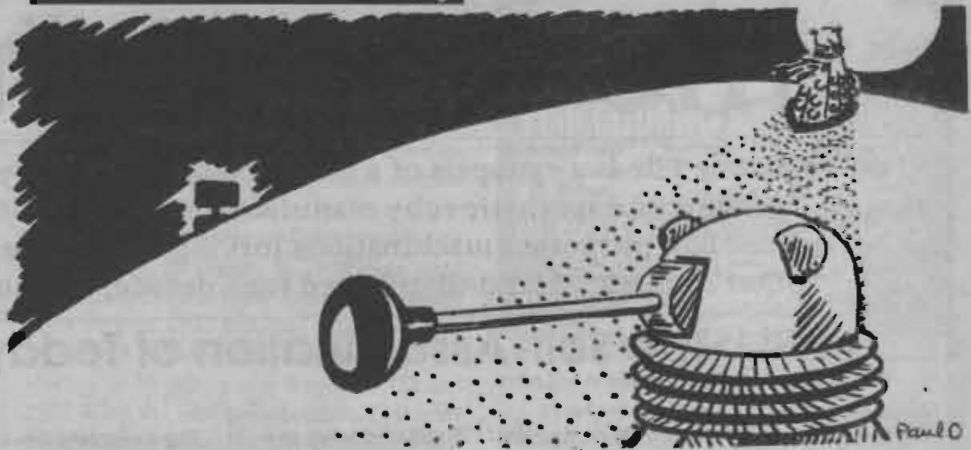
The plastic blanks for the cards have been manufactured at Nu-Lite Plastics in Brookvale in Sydney, and sent to EMI Thorn for laminating and inserting the magnetic strips.

Photographs will not be required in the new ID card system because of a new technology called videoscan. A videoscan is a digitised electronic picture which can be fed straight into a computer and is considered the most infallible record of identity available.

There are buses with all the equipment necessary for videoscanning already prepared for touring the country.

Other Centres

Besides the National Computer Centre, there are also State headquarters - collection points feeding into State databases - which are supposed to be Telecom exchanges, built like fortresses with armed guards. All have diesel generators and food and accommodation for up to eight weeks for critical staff in case of civil insurrection.

Contrived Emergencies

New ID card legislation will be reintroduced to Parliament, according to Sawyer, in March or April this year, and will be offered as a solution to contrived civil emergencies - including a series of national strikes, especially a coal strike causing major power blackouts - but most significantly a staged Aboriginal incident which could occur around May, during which caches of Russian and Chinese weapons will be found.

"What we are going to see is a wholesale massacre that is made to appear to be caused by the Australian army, and it won't be. It's people who are brought in from overseas. And it will be in response to black people who will be shooting white people, and they won't be Australian Aboriginals either. They're people who've been brought in from overseas," Sawyer told the Mount Oak meeting. In December there were riots instigated in Redfern, Bourke and Taree by "blacks" unknown to local Aboriginals.

The existence of an arms and munitions cache in Western Australia was verified last year by the Commonwealth Ombudsman's office following complaints by Sawyer. The Senior Assistant Ombudsman, Mr Williamson, has been given an apology by the Departments of Social Security and Aboriginal Affairs for diverting funds from Aboriginal communities for these purposes and were forgiven by the Ombudsman after they said that they wouldn't do it again!

Sawyer further claims that "7,000 AK47 Russian assault rifles, plus ammunition were shipped in on false documents prepared by ████ ████, of ████ Ave, Rosebery, Sydney. Transfer of funds was arranged through Mr ████████ 's Merchant Bank, ████████, and they are currently being hidden by moving them around various warehouses and stores owned by Mr ████ ..." - both prominent W.A. businessmen.

International Links

The total surveillance system is part of a world-wide plan supervised by the world banking families. Harvey Rockefeller, senior nephew of the Rockefeller Foundation, has been living in Canberra for the last two years, overseeing the construction of 22 'secret' mansions in national parkland around Canberra.

Conclusions?

However you regard Mr Sawyer's information, his first issue of *Inside News* was denounced as lies by the Government. By the time his third newsletter had been printed, many of his claims had been verified by Government sources - but dismissed as 'irrelevant'.

Even if Peter Sawyer is entirely wrong, a major computer corporation has - at very least - ripped hundreds of millions of dollars off the Australian people by selling us a Social Security computer system which didn't work - and the Government has failed to prosecute them! Some of his allegations should be thoroughly investigated, wherever the truth may lie. We apologise for Australia's libel laws.

Happy Bicentenary, Australia!